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SUBJ: SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF UNSYG TO CCD

REF: A. MOSCOW 2585; B. USUN 0584

1. ROLAND TIMERBAYEV, DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE SOVIET MFA'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION TOLD EMBOFF ON FEBRUARY 27 THAT HIS OFFICE HAD RECEIVED WORK THAT DAY THAT FINLAND HAD PROPOSED ITS AMBASSADOR TO YUGOSLAVIA TO REPLACE PASTINEN. TIMERBAYEV SAID THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD HAVE TO EXAMINE HIS QUALIFICATIONS, BUT HE HINTED THAT SOVIET APPROVAL WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.

2. TIMBERBAYEV SAID THAT MOSCOW HAD EARLIER AGREED TO SUPPORT THE INDIAN CANDIDATE, BUT THAT HE WAS APPARENTLY NOT ACCEPTABLE TO "OTHERS, INCLUDING YOU." THE SWEDISH CANDIDATE, SAID TIMERBAYEV, WAS ALSO WELL QUALIFIED. BUT SINCE THE U.S. AND SOME OTHERS FELT THAT IT WAS PREFERABLE TO KEEP A FINN IN THE CHAIR, MOSCOW HAD NO OBJECTION, PROVIDED
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THAT THE CANDIDATE WAS QUALIFIED. ON THE APPARENT

MISCOMMUNICATIONS, TIMERBAYEV SAID THAT MOSCOW'S POSITION HAD BEEN CONSISTENT FROM THE OUTSET: THAT THEY WOULD NEITHER ACCEPT NOR REJECT A FINNISH CANDIDATE UNTIL ONE WAS NAMED.

3. COMMENT: IF THE SOVIETS WERE INDEED PLAYING A GAME ON THIS QUESTION, THEY HAVE EVIDENTLY DECIDED THAT IT WAS NOT WORTH CONTINUING, ESPECIALLY SINCE THEIR MAIN ARGUMENT HAS NOW BEEN ANSWERED. TIMERBAYEV'S COMMENTS HINTED STRONGLY THAT SOVIET APPROVAL WOULD NOW BE PRO FORMA.
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